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SUBJECT: INVITATIONS TO MAY 9 SOVIET CONSULATE RECEPTION

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1. ALLIED MISSIONS IN BERLIN HAVE RECEIVED INVITATIONS
TO ATTEND RECEPTION EVENING MAY 9 TO MARK "THIRTIETH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE DESTRUCTION OF HITLER FASCISM." FRENCH
MISSION HAS RAISED POSSIBILITY OF LOW-LEVEL ATTENDANCE,
I.E. PROTOCOL OFFICERS AND CONSULS GENERAL, BUT BRITISH
AND OURSELVES, IN LIGHT OF STANDING INSTRUCTIONS ON
SUBJECT, BELIEVE THAT EVENT SHOULD BE BOYCOTTED BY ALLIES.
PARA 3 REFTEL INDICATES FRG WILL BE REPRESENTED AT
SIMILAR EVENT IN BONN, BUT DOES NOT INDICATE
RECOMMENDATION ON ALLIED ATTENDANCE. IS DISTINCTION
TO BE DRAWN BETWEEN AFFAIRS COMMEMORATING V-VE DAY AND
THOSE COMMEMORATING "VICTORY OVER NAZI FASCISM"?

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH MISSION OFFICER, SOVIET
CONSUL INDICATED HE WOULD NOT BE SHOCKED IF INVITATIONS
WERE DECLINED WHEN HE NOTED THIS WAS LONG WEEKEND FOR
MANY (MAY 8 IS GERMAN HOLIDAY), AND HE REALIZED ALLIES
WOULD IN ANY EVENT CONSULT RE ATTENDANCE (BRITISH AND
OURSELVES IN PRIOR CONVERSATIONS WITH CONSULATE
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PERSONNEL HAVE DISCOURAGED INVITATIONS).

3. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON ATTENDANCE.
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